

Maine Legacy

Fall 2000

The Nature Conservancy

Stepping Up The Pace On The St. John River

*After four giant steps along the Upper St. John River
The Nature Conservancy in Maine has set its
sights on protecting the length of the river
from its headwater ponds to Allagash
- a full 130 miles.*

Step One took place back in December of 1998 and received headlines nationwide as the Conservancy purchased 185,000 acres of remote forest surrounding 40 miles of the mighty St. John River.

Step Two was announced this past July. The Conservancy announced that more forest land and river corridor will be

protected - thanks to a deal with J.M. Huber Corporation. Huber is trading land and timber rights with the Conservancy to extend our ownership along the river - and topping off the deal with a voluntary commitment to place a township and a half in the watershed off limits to development.

Step Three announced at the same time, involved

another landowner in the watershed, Dunn Timberlands. Through a complex purchase of ownership interests in Dunn lands throughout the state and consolidation of those interests along the river, the Conservancy will gain partial ownership along another 17 miles.

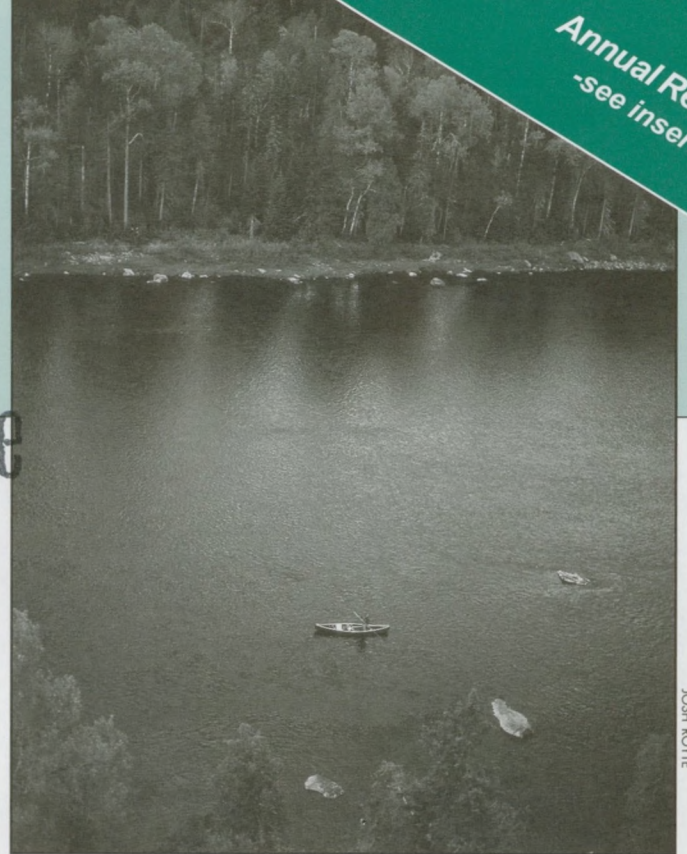
Through these two deals, the Conservancy could now point to 60 miles of river corridor on which it will hold full or partial ownership and a total of 225,000 acres to be owned or designated for no development in the watershed.

Step Four came this September and stretched corridor protection to over 75 miles as two large-scale conservation efforts converged on the shores of the St. John. The Conservancy pledged \$1.5 million toward the The New England Forestry Foundation's Pingree Forest Partnership's efforts to raise

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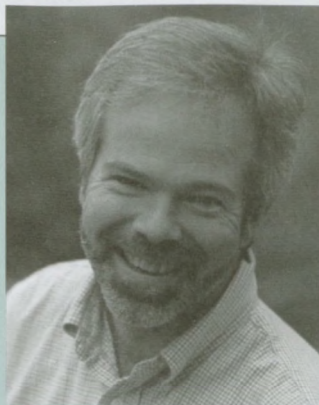
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The Director's Column

by Kent W. Wommack



The Politics of Sustainable Forestry

For the third time in five years, Maine citizens are voting on a referendum question about forestry practices. And once again we are left to sift through overheated campaign rhetoric for the truth about what this bill might or might not mean for Maine's forests, wildlife, landowners and economy.

Supporters of Question 2 claim the bill is simply designed to ensure that landowners who are enrolled in the Tree Growth tax program are harvesting their forests at a sustainable rate, so Maine's forests will continue to provide both jobs and wildlife habitat long into the future. Who could

possibly be against that?

As it turns out, plenty of people. Even Maine's conservation community is divided about the wisdom of the referendum, despite their common frustration at the Legislature's unwillingness to rein in even such egregious forestry practices as liquidation harvesting.

The Conservancy's mission in Maine is focused on biodiversity conservation and healthy, intact forests are critically important habitat for many wildlife species. But determining the likely effect of the proposed referendum on biodiversity is more complicated than it first appears.

A recent study of biodiversity in Maine's forests, conducted as part of the Maine Forest Biodiversity Project, suggests that current forestry practices, whatever their other merits or faults (and there are plenty of both), are not the primary threat to biodiversity in Maine. Clearly, some land managers are doing a better job than others addressing wildlife habitat concerns, but there is no doubt that working forest land provides better habitat for most wildlife species than alternative land uses such as agricultural fields or houselots.

In fact, the study concluded that the primary biodiversity needs in Maine forests are twofold:

- 1) restoring a portion of the landscape to old growth habitat; and
- 2) protecting working forest land from fragmentation and development.

Giant Steps

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funds for a mammoth conservation easement in Maine's north woods. Significantly, one-third of those lands lie in the upper St. John River watershed.

Meanwhile, the Pingree family will eliminate commercial forestry operations and new roads in a 17-mile corridor along the upper St. John. All together, over half of the Upper St. John River watershed in the United States will now be protected through conservation ownership or easement.

Step At A Time

The boldness of vision that characterized the Conservancy's initial purchase of 286 square miles of forest along the upper St. John River continues to guide this ambitious initiative. The north woods are vast – and our model for maintaining the health

of the forests – placing conservation reserves side by side with well-managed forests – has struck a responsive chord with many.

In the process, we've proven once again that cooperation works. We've struck recent deals with J.M. Huber, Dunn Timberlands and the Pingree family – and in every case the river and the forests have come out the winner. All three forest companies are family-owned businesses many generations deep in Maine. The Huber family began its operations in 1883, while both the Dunns and Pingrees have managed Maine forests since 1840.

J.M. Huber

The deal with J.M. Huber Corporation adds over two miles of river protection within a 6,000-acre acquisition. It also consolidates the Conservancy's fee ownership around

16 miles of river (an area of 36,400 acres) in which we have held a form of partial ownership known as undivided interest. These transactions involve an exchange of land and timber rights.

Huber is also committed to donating a conservation easement on 36,000 acres of land in the watershed that will ensure that the area remains free of development. Huber, a diversified multinational supplier of engineered materials, natural resources and technology-based services, has committed nearly \$2 million in support of Conservancy projects in Maine and elsewhere in recent years.

"Our company, the Huber family and Huber employees at our Maine locations in Easton, Old Town and Millinocket want this river to be enjoyed by all who love the wilds of Maine as we do," says J.M. Huber President Peter Francis. "Wherever

Neither is directly addressed by the referendum, but both could be impacted indirectly.

For instance, claims that the referendum's requirements would actually encourage the fragmentation and development of southern Maine forests by driving small landowners out of the Tree Growth tax program has emerged as a prime argument in the opponents' television ad campaign. There is enough concern about this possibility that some referendum supporters have proposed exempting all landowners of less than 1,000 acres from the law's requirements.

But would legislators really exempt 97% of the landowners (and 14% of the affected forest acreage) from a law the voters have just approved? If passage of the referendum did cause small forest landowners to leave the Tree Growth tax program, or discouraged others from joining it, many important natural areas in southern and coastal Maine could be put at risk.

Even defining sustainable cutting levels is surprisingly difficult. While the referendum's use of ten year growth averages sounds reasonable to lay people, it has been denounced by most forest ecologists as fundamentally flawed and actually counterproductive to good forest management. The language appears, for example, to prohibit "banking" forest growth from one year to the next – a basic principle of forest management, especially on small woodlots.

Yet, in the absence of new standards, the trend lines in northern Maine still point toward younger and less diverse forests on at least some large ownerships. So what is a responsible citizen to do?

For those who want to cast an informed vote on the upcoming referendum, I recommend the autumn issue of *Northern Woodlands* magazine.

It features an article entitled "Twenty Ways of Looking at Maine's Forestry Referendum," a compilation of short (and in most cases very thoughtful) essays by Maine landowners, environmental advocates, foresters, ecologists and academics. The full article is posted on the magazine's website found at www.northernwoodlands.com (or call our office for a copy).

Foresters argue that trying to regulate good forestry is exceptionally difficult, and ill conceived attempts to do so may well create more problems than they fix. But unless forest landowners and policy makers take the lead in addressing legitimate public concerns, we can assume that this referendum won't be the last on forest management issues in Maine.

we do business, our strong commitment to the environment follows."

In Maine, Huber has donated 4,100-acre Crystal Bog Preserve in southern Aroostook; 265-acre Marble Fen Preserve and 714-acre Seboeis River Gorge Preserve, both in northern Penobscot County.

Dunn Timberlands

The Dunn deal requires a series of complex steps, each dependant on the cooperation and good will of the Dunn family. Robert Sawyer IV is the sixth generation to lead the family business and was a member of the committee which drew up the resource protection plan which has guided timber operations along the upper St. John River since 1982.

"We are proud of our ownership along the upper St. John River," says Sawyer, "and we are pleased to be able to help The Nature Conservancy



Conservancy lands along the St. John River

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protect this river."

Through Dunn Timberlands, the Conservancy acquires partial ownership (undivided interest) in some 7,000 acres through which the upper St. John River runs for 17 miles.

Pingree Forest Partnership The recent agreement between The Nature Conservancy and the New England Forestry Foundation's Pin-

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Annual Meeting Highlights ¹

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¹. Incoming Board of Trustees Chair Roger Milliken, right,

presented outgoing Chair Joe Wishcamper a canoe paddle with a scene from the St. John River painted on the blade - a symbol of the great leap forward taken by the Conservancy in Maine under Joe's three years of visionary leadership. ². Accepting the Partner of the Year award were Tom Morrison, middle, and Ralph Knoll, left, of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands.

The Bureau, through their leadership, worked with the Maine Legislature on establishing ecological reserves in Maine. Barbara Vickery, Director of Conservation Planning, made the presentation. ³. Also accepting congratulations was our

Volunteer of the Year, Jim Hamlin, shown here with David and Pamela Baker. Jim, a frequent presence at formal work days on Conservancy preserves, was also described as a "stealth volunteer," for his habit of performing needed stewardship work and equipment repairs when no one is looking. ⁴. Joe Wishcamper, left, presented

Wes Bonney framed photographs of Conservancy preserves, a token of appreciation from the Board of Trustees for his decade of distinguished board service, the maximum allowed in our bylaws.

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gree Forest Partnership moves both organizations closer to ambitious goals. The New England Forestry Foundation, which was founded over 50 years ago to provide for the conservation and ecologically sound management of privately held forests, is raising funds to buy a conservation easement on 750,000 acres of working forest from the Pingree family.

With almost one-third of the Pingree's easement lands in the upper St. John River watershed, the Conservancy's \$1.5 million pledge of

support meets the needs of both organizations.

In addition, the Pingree family will eliminate commercial forestry operations and new roads along the 17 miles of upper St. John riverfront in their ownership. A supplemental conservation easement will cover the Pingree's ownership along the river corridor. As compensation for the corridor easement, the Conservancy is swapping land with comparable timber values.

These two initiatives will secure conservation on nearly half the acres within the upper St. John River watershed within U.S. borders.

Steve Schley, speaking on behalf of the Pingree family, said mutual support between the two organizations is a tribute to the great resources of Maine's forest, noting that the Seven Islands Land Company which manages Pingree lands is named for a stretch of the St. John.

"Together, our efforts will protect the upper St. John watershed from fragmentation and development," said Schley. "These lands are a resource for productive forestry, wildlife habitat and public recreation. The Pingree family is proud to continue our stewardship of the upper St. John River in partnership with the Conservancy."

Maine Chapter • The Nature Conservancy

Year in Review

July 1, 1999

June 30, 2000

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Take success for granted?

For a third year in a row, The Nature Conservancy completed more land protection projects in Maine in a single year than ever before.

These projects ranged north, south, east and west - underscoring a commitment to the conservation of native plant and animal habitats throughout the state. And if these projects were diverse geographically, consider the variety of habitats represented.

In the batch of projects described in the following pages, you'll find lakes and ponds, rivers and streams, hills and mountains, barrens, plains, vernal pools, floodplain forests, fens, heaths, bogs, bays, islands, salt marshes and even mudflats. The Nature Conservancy has been protecting this kind of diversity in Maine for 44 years now.

Given this string of record breaking years, it might be tempting to take this kind of achievement for granted - but that would be the quickest way to squander our momentum. Along with a staunch commitment to nonconfrontational approaches, strict bipartisanship and strategic and innovative use of market-based methods, what sets the Conservancy apart is perseverance. This is also evident in the projects described here. The majority of sites are places we have been working at for some years. For example, with

another addition this year at Appleton Bog, this preserve has grown to 1,000 acres since 1972. Nearly 600 acres in two purchases at the Kennebunk Plains brings protected habitat at that site to nearly 1,800 acres since 1987.

There are four more additions to conservation lands at Mount Agamenticus - over 30 tracts protected since 1991. And a 500-acre addition to our holdings at Ayers Brook in Passadumkeag has pushed protection there to over 3,000 acres since 1995.

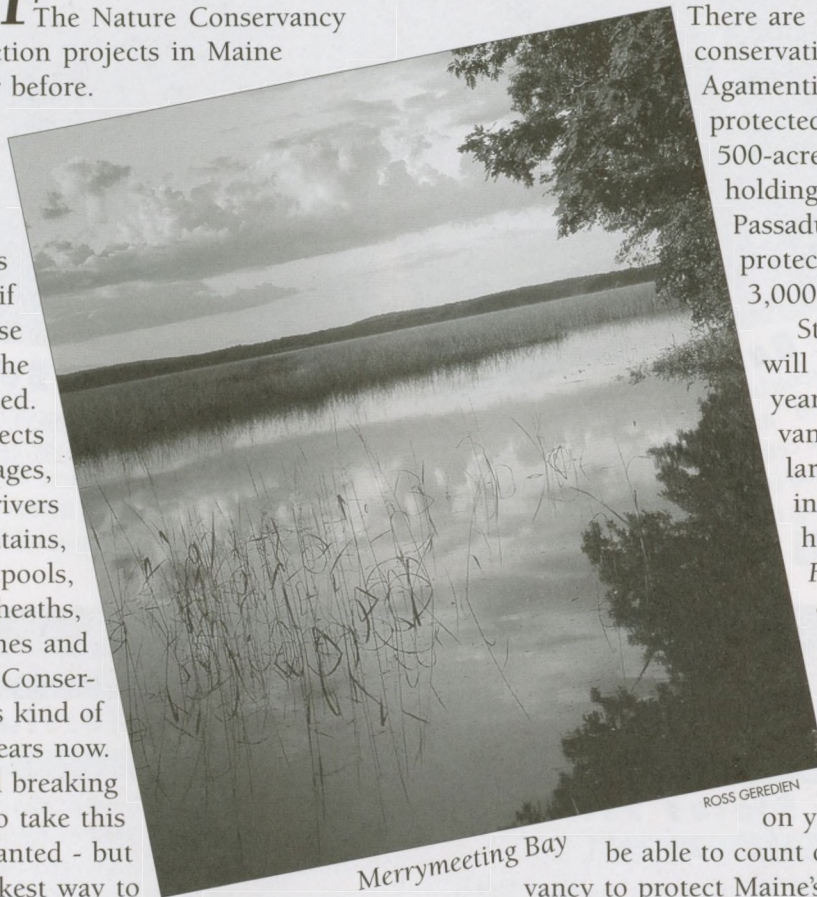
Still, for many of us, this will be remembered as the year The Nature Conservancy launched the largest conservation initiative in Maine history - the \$50 million *For Maine Forever* capital campaign.

Success here will take perseverance as well. But much is at stake. Year after year - as long as we can count

on your support - you will be able to count on The Nature Conservancy to protect Maine's most vulnerable and ecologically important lands. Ultimately, we won't be able to take success for granted - not until Maine's full suite of native plants and animals can take their future on this Earth for granted.

Kent Wommack
Executive Director, Vice President

The mission of the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life in Maine and on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.



Merrymeeting Bay

Conserving Maine's Finest Habitats



BRUCE KIDMAN

Waterboro Barrens This year's 45-acre addition along Buff Brook brought the Waterboro Barrens Preserve to over 2,300 acres - good growth since it founding in 1992 as the centerpiece of our *Maine Legacy* capital campaign and good evidence of the Conservancy's commitment to protecting this globally rare pitch pine-scrub oak forest.



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Merrymeeting Bay Merrymeeting Bay has become a key focal point for the Conservancy. Momentum continued here with as the Conservancy helped the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife secure 462-acre Green Point Farm at the confluence of the Kennebec and Eastern Rivers. Our most recent project had been the purchase of Lines Island just off Bath.



Last Great Places Society

Last Great Places Society members are the Maine Chapter's most generous annual supporters, making annual operating budget contributions of \$10,000 or more. This core group supports critical conservation and land protection efforts across Maine and enjoys all benefits of Maine Heritage Society members, plus: private staff-guided field trips to Maine's most outstanding preserves, invitations to national Conservancy and local Maine Chapter leadership events, and the option of recognition in the Conservancy's national annual report.

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Maine Heritage Society

Maine Heritage Society members play a leadership role in supporting the Maine Chapter's ongoing conservation work with annual contributions of \$1,000 - \$9,999. Among the benefits enjoyed by Maine Heritage Society members are: invitations to special field trips led by Maine's foremost scientists and naturalists, advance notice of regular Maine Chapter field trips, personal updates from The Nature Conservancy's national President John Sawhill and Maine Chapter Director Kent Wommack, two gift memberships to the Maine Chapter for friends or family, and invitations to both the national and Maine Chapter annual meetings.

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Kennebunk Plains Few sites in Maine can match the significance of the of the Kennebunk Plains. A sandplain grassland rare in southern Maine (others were just too tempting to development to survive), it is home to the world's largest population of a flower named Northern blazing star (*Liatris scariosa*) and to a flock of grassland bird species whose habitat is declining through so much of their range. Remarkably, it is virtually free of nonnative plants. This past year, the Conservancy protected an additional 593 acres through two acquisitions, bringing the total of sandplain and upland buffer protected here to 1,777 acres, including several miles of the Mousam River



Crystal Fen What the acquisition of 24-acre Crystal Fen lacks in size it more than makes up in interest. It is the only site in Maine where the Eastern white-fringed orchid can be found. As we maintain its wetland habitat, we are also trying to unravel the mystery of its presence here at the edge of our 4,125-acre Crystal Bog Preserve.

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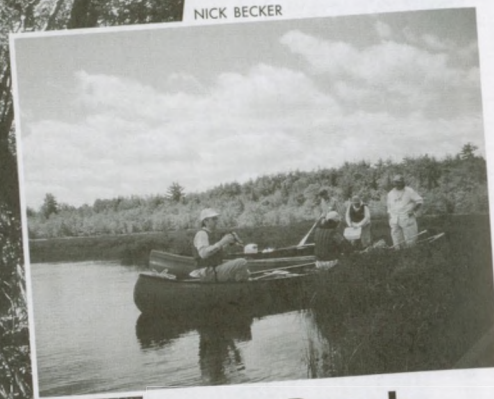
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Saco River

Two important land acquisition projects highlighted our year along the Saco River. We acquired the summit and a total 625 acres on Mount Tom, the highest point in the Fryeburg area. The mountain sits astride the Saco River's extensive floodplain forests, with slopes descending through a stand of 300-year-old hemlock and on through deep oak and pine forest to the stately silver oaks at river's edge. Further south along the river, the Conservancy purchased 347 acres encompassing a complex mosaic of floodplain communities: uplands, riverwash barrens, vernal pools, backwater sloughs, acidic fens, oxbow ponds, and sedge meadows. Floodplain forests are utilized by a wide variety of wildlife species, including eagles, peregrine falcons, a wide variety of waterfowl and wading birds as well as white-tailed deer, moose and bear. The vernal pools along the river play a pivotal role in the life cycle of amphibians such as the spotted salamander. The Saco's floodplain forests are the most intact in the region.

Ayers Brook

The sixth acquisition in five years at Ayers Brook Preserve (spanning the towns of Passadumkeag and Lowell some 28 miles north of Bangor) brings protection around this unusual wetland community to 3,150 acres. The 511-acre tract includes most of the core wetland not previously protected.

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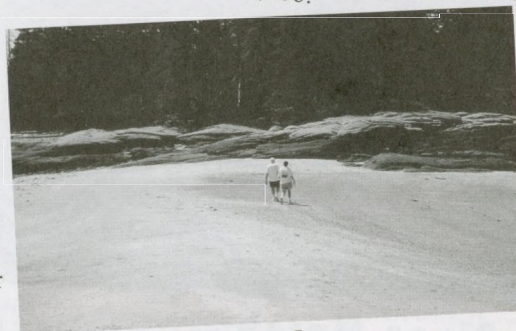
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Ecological Reserves We seldom cite legislative successes among Conservancy accomplishments, but this year's passage of legislation establishing ecological reserves in Maine statute (and authorizing the Bureau of Parks and Lands to designate up to 100,000 acres of Bureau lands immediately) represents over a decade of work and is a success in which many individuals and organizations share credit. It is, in every sense of the word, a landmark event. Each reserve will protect a number of Maine's native habitats and a full system would encompass examples of every one. We are far from that ultimate goal - but with public lands now on the verge of designation - miles closer today than ever before.

BRUCE KIDMAN



Appleton Bog The addition of 59 acres to our Appleton Bog Preserve is another chapter in a long, satisfying story. Dorothea Marston, a chapter founder, gave the Conservancy its first parcel here in 1972. That 85 acres has grown to over 1,000.



TOM RUMPF

Barred Island Since 1969, gifts such as this year's 9-acre donation have provided buffer and ease of management to this 60-acre preserve.

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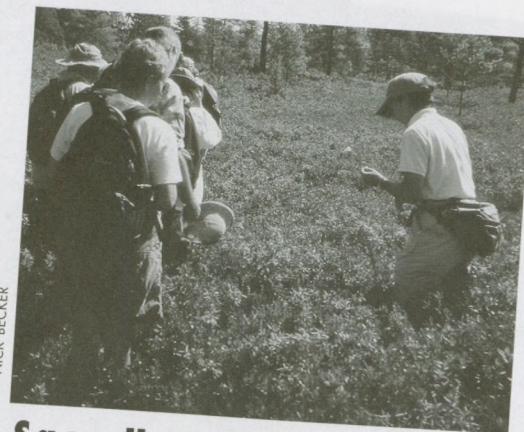
Corporate Council members receive recognition via newspaper ads run-ning across the state each year, enjoy net-working with other Maine business lead-ers at the annual luncheon with Governor King, and receive addi-tional benefits for employees and management. Membership is available at the Cadillac (\$1,000), Kineo (\$2,500), Bigelow (\$5,000), and Katahdin (\$10,000+) levels.





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Little River Marsh Three acquisitions at Little River Marsh added up to 170 acres of wetland and upland habitat that will remain open for wildlife despite the area's ever-growing development pressures. The marsh abuts Reid State Park.



NICK BECKER

Saco Heath A series of gifts and purchases have protected 875 acres at Saco Heath Preserve since 1987. The recent 36-acre addition complements one of our most popular and accessible preserves, only minutes from Saco's busy main street.. At any time of year, our mile-long boardwalk takes visitors into the heart of the bog and far from the sounds and complications of daily life.



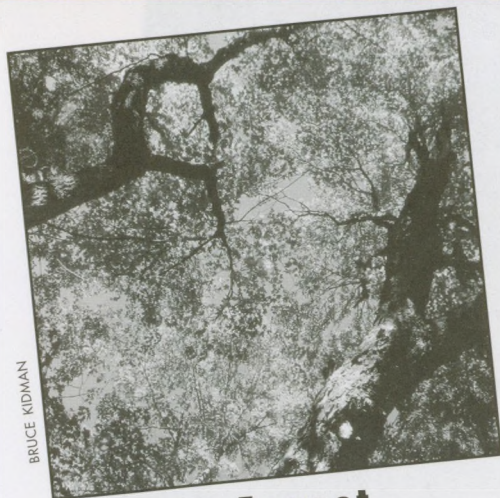
With a bequest or life-income gift to The Nature Conservancy you can help protect the natural world for your children and grandchildren. What better way to make sure they can hike in the same mountains, swim in the same lakes, and catch a glimpse of an eagle in the air or a wild orchid on the ground. We thank the following Maine Legacy Club members who have provided for The Nature Conservancy's work in their wills or estate plans.

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Private Forest Reserves Project

The Conservancy works with private landowners in Maine's north woods to identify special sites on which Conservancy and landowner devise appropriate conservation strategies within the context of a working forest. All involved gain from new perspectives - and of course the real winners are these vulnerable habitats.



MELISSA NOEL

Mount Agamenticus The Conservancy completed four acquisitions for a total of 121 acres at Mount Agamenticus this past year. Though the pace at which protection has been taking place around the mountain has been impressive - some 40 projects in the last decade - it hasn't been enough. .Even with the rapid growth in York County communities, this represents the largest relatively unroaded, relatively undeveloped coastal area between Portland, Maine and (with the exception of the New Jersey Pine Barrens) Baltimore, Maryland. Some 8,000 acres (approximately a quarter protected through Conservancy action) have some form of conservation protection today. The goal is to double that figure in the next five years.

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FOR MAINE FOREVER

The campaign to save Maine's great places

Never before has the Conservancy in Maine reached so far and accomplished so much. From the purchase of the initial St. John River tract in 1998 to this past spring's announcement of the \$50 million *For Maine Forever* capital campaign, we have been able to depend on our traditional supporters while gaining many new ones. This listing acknowledges those who have given from \$1,000 to over \$2 million through October 1, 2000.

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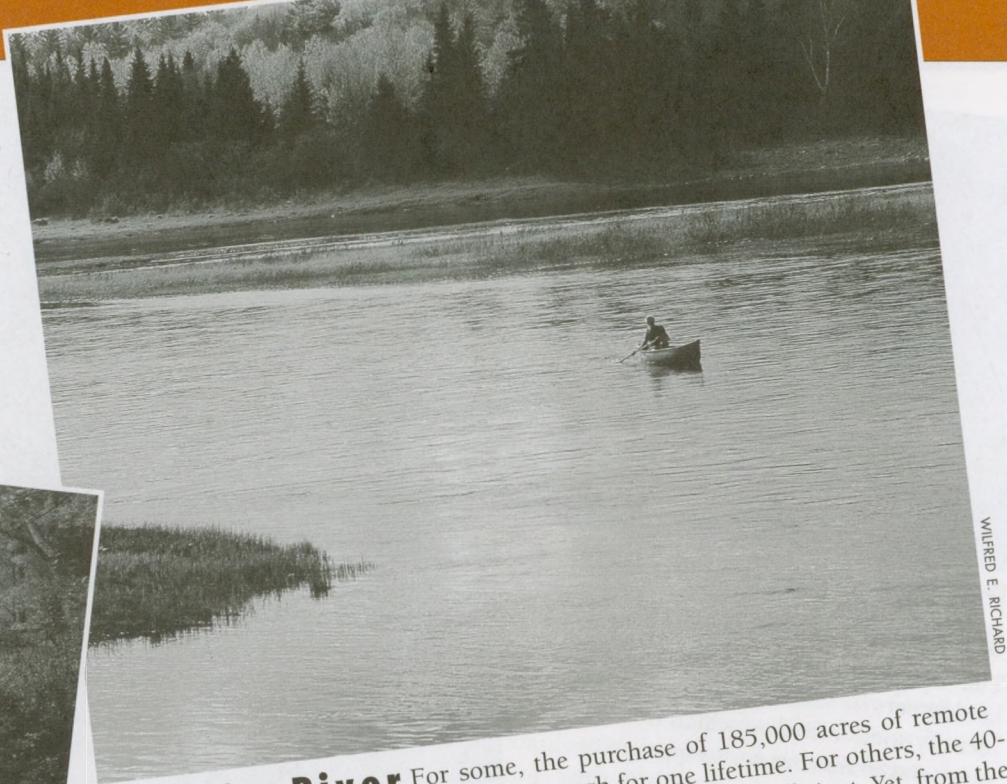
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St. John River For some, the purchase of 185,000 acres of remote forestland in Maine would be progress enough for one lifetime. For others, the 40-mile stretch of river encompassed by those forests would be sufficient. Yet, from the outset, the Conservancy has articulated a far more ambitious vision for the upper St. John River. So, while our conservation planning team has sent phalanxes of naturalists to inventory the forests, river, streams, ponds and wetlands and convened gatherings of prominent scientists to help craft the best possible strategies for conserving this treasure, other staff have been meeting with other landowners in the watershed to discuss ways to protect the upper St. John from its headwater ponds (to the south of our holdings) to the Town of Allagash (well to the north). Months, and perhaps years of work remain before we will be able to declare ultimate victory for our efforts, for the future of this wild, free-flowing river.

Ducktrap River The Conservancy provided financial support from the Drinkwater Endowment as Coastal Mountains Land Trust acquired a 125-acre parcel along the scenic and remarkably undisturbed Ducktrap River. Through the efforts of the 20+ organizations which make up the Ducktrap Coalition, approximately ten percent of the rivers 23,000-acre watershed has been protected.

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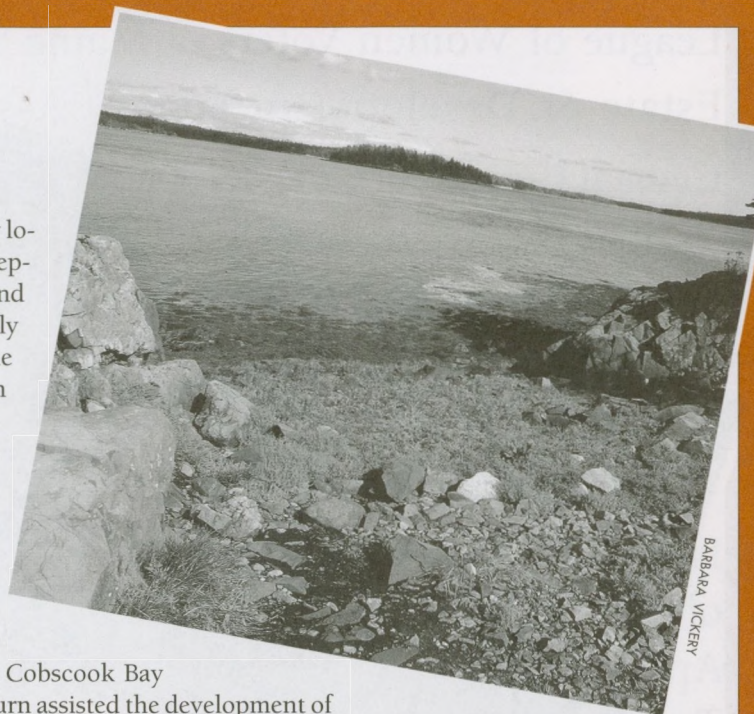
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Cobscook Bay

Cobscook Bay is a strikingly beautiful 40-square mile estuary located along the Canadian border in downeast Maine. Exceptionally high tides, intense currents, cold, nutrient rich waters and extensive, varied intertidal habitats make the marine system highly productive and unusually diverse. Unlike most estuaries on the eastern seaboard, it has escaped serious degradation that often accompanies economic development.

Our role is facilitate collaborative, community-based conservation action that will help make possible the long term conservation of Cobscook Bay's dynamic marine system. This year we assisted the following advances:

- development of new research initiatives that will generate the information necessary to manage appropriately the use of this system
- successful completion of the first year of the Cobscook Bay Resource Center, a new community-based nonprofit, which in turn assisted the development of a local fisherman's organization dedicated to "the conservation, enhancement and sustainable use of the bay's marine resources"
- creation of a monthly column in the local newspaper, the Quoddy Tides. *Cobscook Soundings* shares and translates scientific information on the ecology of the bay with the goal of imbedding that information in local decision-making
- the production of an eye-catching poster in partnership with a local photographer to foster awareness of the beauty and diversity of Cobscook underwater environment
- further development of the *Cobscook Trails* (a collaboration working to connect people and local conservation lands) through the printing of an updated edition of its highly successful trail guide
- formation of a diverse alliance of people to address the threat of a large scale, commercial, unregulated harvest of the bay's rockweed resources.



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The Land for Maine's Future Program has a future - thanks to Maine voters who left no question last November about their strong support for land conservation. The measure carried every Maine county and over 80% of Maine towns. By the time polls closed on November 2nd, nearly seventy percent of Maine voters had approved the \$50 million land bond - which will be bolstered by another \$25 million in matching funds. While the Conservancy played a leadership role, this was a victory for the dozens of Maine organizations and thousands of citizen who worked for passage. The Nature Conservancy is grateful to so many who made this possible - from the Governor and so many Maine Legislators to the remarkable coalition of Maine organizations that included sportsmen, business and civic leaders and more.

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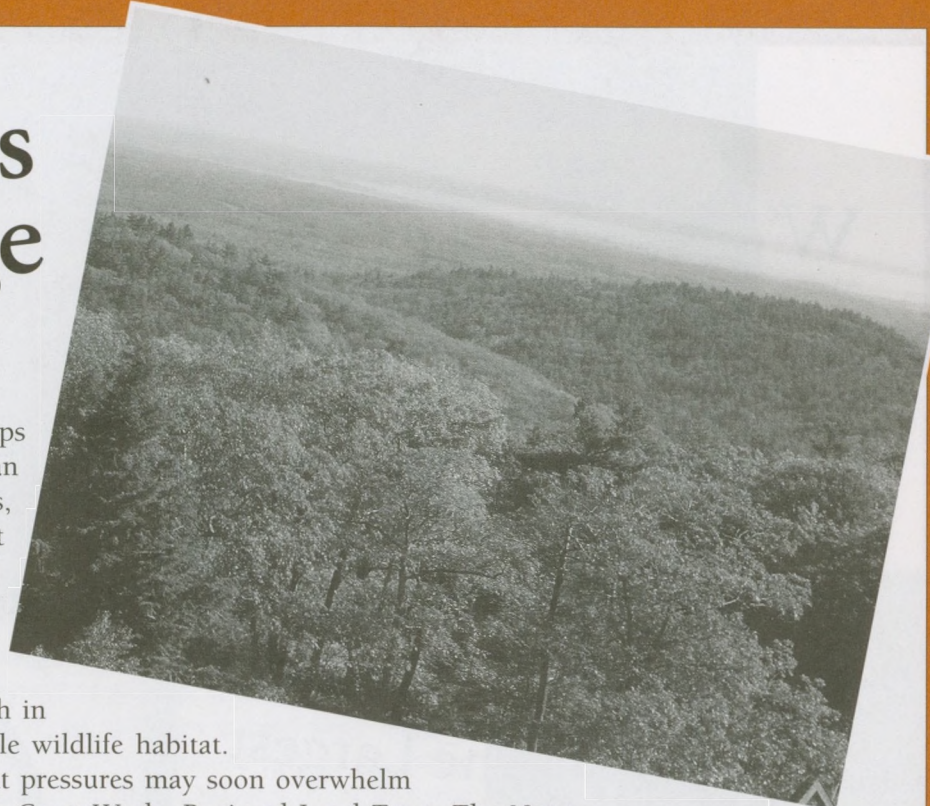
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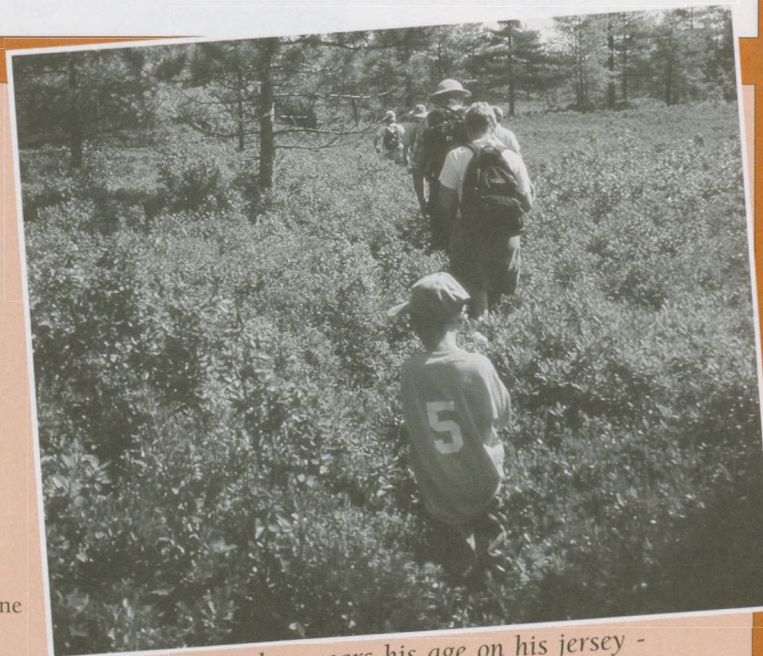
The Mount Agamenticus Challenge

TO SAVE OUR
FORESTS AND FARMLANDS



The view from Mount Agamenticus sweeps across the flat expanse of the Atlantic Ocean to the craggy peaks of the White Mountains, over scattered farms and the largest unfragmented forest between Portland and New York City. Covering more than 20,000 acres in York, South Berwick, Eliot, Ogunquit and Wells, the forests and wetlands around Mount Agamenticus are rich in recreational opportunities and irreplaceable wildlife habitat.

But in this fast-growing region, development pressures may soon overwhelm this precious landscape. That is why the Great Works Regional Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy and the York Land Trust have joined together to ensure that wildlife habitat remains intact, recreational trails continue to traverse these lands and forest tracts stay large enough to accommodate the fisherman, the birder, the hunter and the mountain biker. Nearly 8,000 acres is in some form of conservation protection today. The *Mount Agamenticus Challenge* is to double that amount in five years. It is a daunting challenge, but one that has seen remarkable progress since inception in April. Hannaford Bros. Co. is helping us make conservation history in York County. The company, which owns and operates Shop'n Save supermarkets throughout Maine, pledged \$250,000 to the *Mount Agamenticus Challenge* as a match for the first \$750,000 raised through private philanthropy.



Caleb Becker wears his age on his jersey - and keeps the line moving on a Saco Heath field trip.

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We are taking land conservation to the next level," explained Campaign CoChair Roger Milliken last March in announcing the Conservancy's \$50 million campaign to protect key sites throughout Maine. "We have looked at the entire state, identified priorities and decided now is the time to seize the opportunity for conservation. Our confidence is founded on 40 years of work in Maine and in the faith already expressed through \$40 million in leadership gifts."

On June 30 - the end of the fiscal year - the campaign stood at \$44 million and had moved beyond the Leadership Gift phase into the make-it-or-break-it Significant Gift phase. The fate of the For Maine Forever campaign rested in the hands of dozens of volunteer solicitors. Their efforts will

decide whether the campaign reaches its goal of raising \$35 million for the acquisition of 185,000 acres along the upper St. John River and \$15 million for protection efforts that include Mount Agamenticus, the Saco River, coastal islands, Kennebunk Plains, Merrymeeting Bay and the Lower Kennebec River, Cobscook Bay, the Dennys River, and Camden Hills.

"This campaign is historic in every way," said Carol Wishcamper, CoChair of the For Maine Forever campaign. "It is historic in scope. Historic in ambition. Historic in the level of commitment demonstrated by donors already. Together, we can ensure the protection of Maine's lands, waters and wildlife for our families' sake and for the sake of future generations." As Honorary Chairman of the St. John River portion of the For Maine Forever campaign, Dr.

Richard Rockefeller announced a challenge from the Kresge Foundation - a grant of \$1.5 million - what would be their largest grant ever to conservation - if the Conservancy can meet its goal of raising \$35 million for the St. John River project by January 1, 2001. Also announced were two remarkable corporate contributions to the campaign: a gift of \$750,000 from Hannaford Bros. Co. and \$500,000 from Tom's of Maine.

Launching The Largest Conservation Campaign In Maine History



Carol Wishcamper and Roger Milliken,
CoChairs of the For Maine Forever campaign

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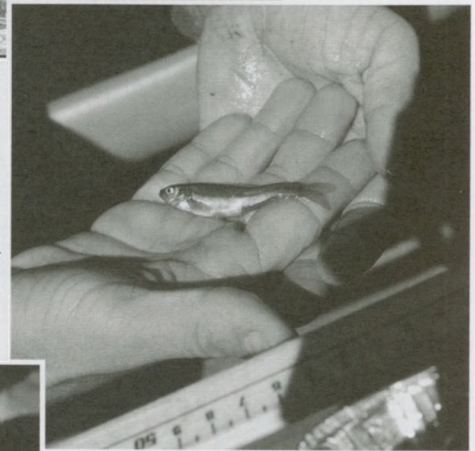
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Inventory Work On The St. John River Lands Minnows, Mussels, Mosses & More



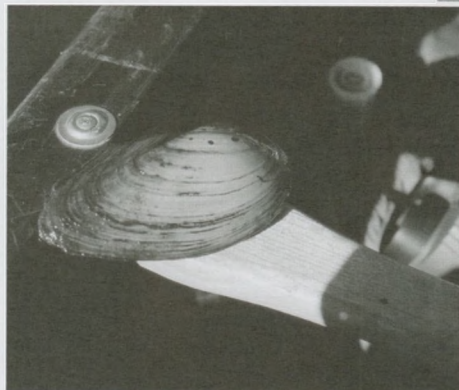
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Mike Borowski, Conservation Planning Associate, this fall extended our inventory of the aquatic world found on our St. John River holdings. Here, he measures a Pearl Dace minnow (*Semotilus margarita*), a northern minnow species associated with coldwater streams and ponds. A number of ponds in the watershed are remarkable for retaining a full complement of native minnow species. Below, another freshwater inhabitant, an Eastern floater mussel.



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Mike Auger lent his botanical skills to the inventory process. Below, he sits astride a fallen tree amidst what ecologists call 'legacy' - the coarse woody debris that builds up tree upon tree and century upon century in ancient forests. Here, encased in moss and lichen without and worked upon by fungi and arthropods (insects, centipedes, etc.) within, these deep accumulations of forest life are the very things which make old growth forests so such an important source of food and habitat for birds and other wildlife from younger and disturbed forests surrounding them.



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With moss enveloping its flank and lichen marching across its brow, this old stump remains to tell the story of forest harvesting the last time around.

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Thanks Look Who's Helping

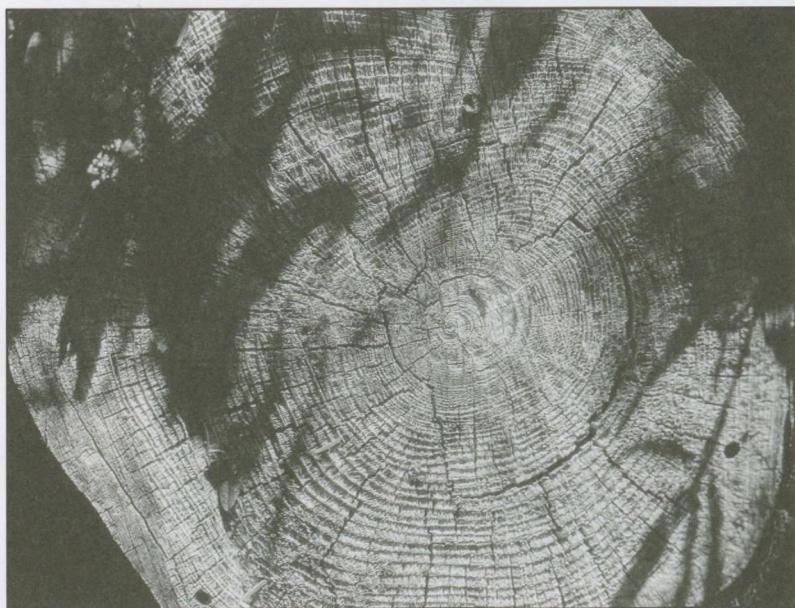
Our sincere thanks to the many individuals and organizations who have offered their energies and resources so that we can protect the great natural wealth of our state. Here's a recent sampling. Thanks to the following for help on the Kennebunk Plains work day: **RJ Mere** and the **Kennebunk Conservation Commission**, **Mike Buzulchuck** and **Norm Labee** of the Kennebunk/Kennebunkport Water District, **Bob Butler** and the **Kennebunk Land Trust**, **Bert and Nick Meek** of the Kennebunk High School Community Service program, **Robert Sargent** (a Conservancy member all the way from Merrimac, MA.), **Bryan Courtois** of the Boy Scouts of America in Saco, **Robin Stanley**, and **Jim Hamlin**, (the Maine Chapter's Volunteer of the Year; see page four); Thanks to the following crew members who took part in prescribed burns at Kennebunk Plains: **Peter Abello**, who also volunteers at Saco Heath, **Graham Taylor** of the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, **Jeff Lougee**, who is also a Land Steward for the Conservancy's New Hampshire chapter, **Christina Epperson** of Maine Coast Heritage Trust (who also lent a hand on the Saco Heath workday), **Jennifer Paine** and **Susan Ask** of the Mt. Agamenticus Conservation Crew, **Tim Simmons** of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program, **David Van Luven** of New Hampshire's Heritage Program, **Jim McDougal**, Essex County Greenbelt Director, and **Darrell Detour** of The Trustees of Reservations (who also helped out at a Saco Heath Preserve work day); thanks also to **Dave McGowan** of the Massachusetts Department of the Environment for helping repair boardwalk at Saco Heath; **Bill Haval**, **Kelly Cunnane** and **Sam Hunkler** for the use of their boats to monitor islands; for their expert help in conducting bird inventories on the St. John River, thanks to **Charles Duncan** of the Conservancy's Wings of America program, **Ron Joseph** of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and former trustee **Don Mairs**; thanks to **Hugh Williams**, **Bob Wheeler**, **Bruce Babb**, and **Bill Marshall** for clean up of the La Verna parking lot; **Grace and Pat Sferra** for a photo quality printer (now installed in our communications department); **Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Howard** for a generator; **Sherry Palmer** for heavy duty jumper cables (and some outstanding slide images of Saco Heath); **Dan Jennings** for painstaking spider identifications at Waterboro Barrens; **Hancock Lumber** for donation of wood chips and **Sunday River** for delivery of wood chips to Step Falls; **Ralph Keyes** for donation of a hand truck for Damariscove Island Preserve; and **Francis Radziewicz** for making a couple new, registration boxes for our downeast preserves

& Please

We are looking for the following items that may be gathering dust in your garage:

for ocean-going conservation: • fiberglass or aluminum hulled sea-worthy boat • type 1 PFD/life jacket • marine compass • nautical chart set (recent) for coastal Maine
for general stewardship: • assorted tools (wrenches, pliers, socket-set, etc.) • cordless drill • hedge clippers • extendable pruning saw • small office copy machine • 6' bed liner for a '86 Nissan pick-up • post hole digger
and for setting up shop along the St. John River: • sofa, living room chairs, and nightstands for house/office • canoe, paddles and life preservers.

If you can donate one of these items please call 207-729-5181. Thanks.



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*How old was the tree when it fell?
 This black spruce on the St. John
 lands had passed 200 years.*

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Correction

In our summer newsletter, we erroneously reported that
a gift had been received in memory of Miss Rebecca Bell from Miss
Ann W. Stratton. This came as a shock to both Miss Bell and Miss
Stratton. We sincerely regret the error. Miss Bell and Miss Stratton
had given gifts in memory of
Ingram and Helen Richardson.



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Recent inventory work at Crystal Bog Preserve turned up two species of rare sundew. At far right, clustered close to the wetland floor are Slender-leaved sundew (*Drosera linearis*). An example of the very rare English sundew (*Drosera anglica*) is held between the fingers. Sundews are insectivorous, a culinary interest that allows them to make up for the lack of nutrients in their habitat.



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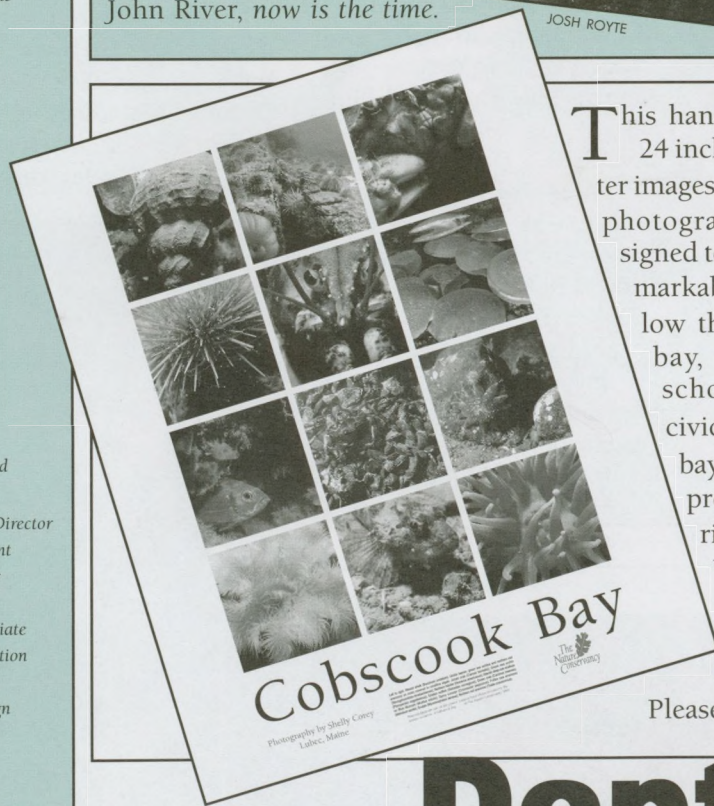
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The \$1.5 million Kresge Foundation Challenge to complete fund-raising for the initial 185,000 acre St. John River purchase has come down to a matter of weeks. That is not a lot of time. We need to raise another \$634,045 by December 31, 2000 in order to receive this generous grant - the largest Kresge has ever offered for an environmental cause. Please - if you have not become part of this history-making project on the St. John River, now is the time.



This handsome and colorful 18 x 24 inch poster features underwater images of Cobscook Bay by Lubec photographer Shelly Corey. Designed to raise awareness of the remarkable biological treasures below the swirling surface of the bay, we're distributing it to schools, municipalities and civic organizations around the bay. It is for sale locally with proceeds going to local marine resource conservation. We have a limited inventory, but would be pleased to send you one for \$25 to cover mailing costs.

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